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Way Of The Warrior, The (Young Samurai, Book 1)



Synopsis

Shipwrecked on the shore of Japan, twelve-year-old Jack Fletcher is wounded and alone. His father and the entire crew have been slaughtered by ninja pirates. Jack's last remaining possession is his father's rudder, an invaluable book of maps and notes about the world's uncharted oceans.

Masamoto-sama, one of Japan's greatest samurai, rescues Jack, adopts him, and sends him to samurai school, where Jack will be trained in the Way of the Warrior. Will it be enough to help Jack defeat Dragon Eye, the ruthless ninja who is intent on stealing the rudder at any cost?

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Customer Reviews

Okay, so the Young Samurai is Harry Potter with an historical setting and a couple hundred fewer pages. YA readers won't care. The story is every adventure loving kid's fantasy. Set in Shogun era Japan of the late 1500's, Jack is a rigging monkey on his father's ship. When the ship is attacked by pirates, Jack ends up in the Sea of Japan, is rescued by a samurai and sent to an elite samurai training school. Of course, it turns out the pirate attack wasn't random, Jack has something the

pirates are desperate to find, and the samurai training Jack has been receiving from Japan's greatest master swordsman comes in very handy. Like Harry Potter, Jack is an outsider who endures harassment and finds two friends, who help him adjust to this strange new culture, and vow to be his allies. Well, actually one friend and ally, the other can't decide if he wants to be Jack's friend or enemy. The historical details are rich, fascinating and extremely accurate. In a surprise twist - the evil antagonists are ninjas. All readers will be swept up in the adventure and history of the Young Samurai, even the most reluctant readers.

I enjoyed reading *Way of the Warrior*. It seemed intriguing at first and it hooked me. I am almost done reading the entire series. The only problem was that it was a bit predictable in the rising action of the story. But this book was still worth it and I would read again.

I read this whole book in one sitting. I just couldn't put it down! This book as well as the entire series follows historical events and places fairly accurately making research into the people and places in the book twice as interesting. I started these books 2 weeks ago and I'm on book 6 now! I can't say enough about the series, characters, places and the author who must have spent countless hours weaving this story and his characters into the history and the spirit of feudal Japan. I'm a 25 year old guy and in love with this series. It can captivate young and old audiences alike. Arigatou gozaimashita Chris Bradford!

I may be an all-round Japanese-culture freak fan but worry not, for I never let those things bias my reaction, if not tolerance, to a novel. And I have to say this book didn't even need a bias boost. Well written with believable and lovable (not always in the cute "aww" way) characters, I quickly became an addict to this series and was a click away from greedily buying book #6 before I realized I should give the writer some kudos and fame. The writer had a mission and it was well-executed in this book. One of my favourite aspects are the challenges and fight scenes; descriptive but easy to follow and the author obviously did his history research. And even if the most basic form of the plot does not sound 100% original this novel makes it its own train track. Enjoy.

This book series is well written, thought out and even has a couple of my favorite Samurai plot lines in it. This has been one of my favorite reads on Kindle at this time. Yeah it may seem like Harry Potter with ninjas yet it is so much more than that. It has impressed in every way while the story evolves.

I was skeptical in the beginning of this book because just by looking at it I thought that it was a typical samurai book. I can't explain what I'm talking about very easily, but I think that everyone knows what I'm talking about. As the story progressed, however, I was drawn into this book. It may have been the interesting concept of a foreigner being stranded in a land that he has no knowledge whatsoever. The author created an interesting conflict between Dragon Eye, the skilled ninja, and Jack, the young English boy.

Second time reading this book in one sitting, extremely good read! I would recommend for all, old and young alike.

Enjoyed the rangers apprentice series, moved on to this. Very informative and well written. Also very entertaining to read. Great!

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